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SUBJECT: CCMS: ADVANCED HEALTH CARE -- SYSTEMATIC ASSESSMENT
OF HEALTH SERVICES (SAHS)

REF: BRUSSELS 5148

1. EMBASSY HAS RECEIVED A LETTER FROM SECRETARY GENERAL HALTER OF THE MINISTRY OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE ENVIRONMENT STATING THAT HE HAS RECEIVED NEITHER THE DOCUMENTATION PROMISED IN THE CANADIAN LETTER OF INVITATION NOR A PRECISE AGENDA FOR THE US/CANADIAN SAHS TOUR. AS REPORTED REFTEL, HALTER IS PREPARED TO SEND THE MINISTRY'S CHEF DE CABINET (DR. DE SCHOUWER) ON THE TOUR BUT WOULD LIKE TO HAVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON WHICH TO BASE A FINAL (AND COSTLY) DECISION.

2. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, HALTER HAS IN THE PAST BEEN LESS THAN ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BELGIAN PARTICIPATION IN NATO ENVIRONMENTAL WORK. RECENTLY (BRUSSELS 4214), HE HAS SHOWN LESS HOSTILITY TOWARD CCMS AND LED US TO BELIEVE THAT HIS MINISTRY WOULD COOPERATE WITH US ON THE ADVANCED HEALTH CARE

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PILOT STUDY IF SUBSTANCE SO WARRANTED. BOTH DR. EGEBERG,

IN HIS MAY 31 LETTER TO HALTER AND IN SUBSEQUENT CONVERSATIONS,
AND THE EMBASSY HAVE PROMISED THE MINISTRY MORE IN THE WAY
OF SUBSTANTIVE DOCUMENTATION ON PROJECTS IN WHICH WE SEEK
BELGIAN PARTICIPATION.

3. WE WOULD LIKE TO RESPOND POSITIVELY TO HALTER'S LETTER AND
REQUEST ANY AVAILABLE INFORMATION ON THE SAHS TOUR BY
PRIORITY CABLE. STRAUZ-HUPE

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